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**Federal Aviation Administration** 

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Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-10-10F, MD-10-30F,

MD-11, MD-11F, and 717-200 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all

McDonnell Douglas MD-10-10F, MD-10-30F, MD-11, MD-11F, and 717-200 airplane

This AD requires a revision to the Limitations section of the Airplane Flight Manual

(AFM) to prohibit use of the flight management system (FMS) profile (PROF) mode

descent and/or approach operations unless certain conditions are met. This AD is

prompted by a report of two violations of the selected flight control panel (FCP) altitud

during FMS PROF descents. We are issuing this AD to prevent, under certain condition

during the FMS PROF descent, the uncommanded descent of an airplane below the

selected level-off altitude, which could result in reducing the separation between the

airplane and nearby air traffic or terrain.

**DATES:** Effective [insert date 15 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

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